

Sermon Notes

Key Info

Living Stones: Embracing Our Identity and Purpose in Christ

1 Peter 2:4-10

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LIVE OAKS
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Living Stones: Embracing Our Identity and Purpose in Christ

1 Peter 2:4-10

Pastor Sam Benson • Village of Pine Ridge

Saturday, May 4, 2024

5:30 p.m. @ Southern Oaks

Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30 a.m. @ Woodridge

10:30 a.m. @ Woodridge and Southern Oaks

Sunday services also can be viewed on the jumbotron
@ The Grove, our outdoor venue @ Woodridge.

Open WIFI @ Woodridge: "Live Oaks Guest" (No Password)

@ Southern Oaks: "SOC Guest" (Password: liveoaks)

@ The Grove – Tune to FM 100.5 on your radio

Live Oaks Community Church
is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Live preaching at 10:30 a.m. randomly alternates
between the Woodridge and Southern Oaks campuses.

Got energetic children with you @ Woodridge? Uncomfortable
in the Worship Center? View services and other events from
our Family Room off The Commons behind the Worship Center.

**Our mission is to equip and encourage
people to finish well for the glory of God.**

“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of His splendor.” ~ Isaiah 61:3

WELCOME

We’re Glad You’re Here

Please complete the enclosed connect and prayer request card and drop it in the offering bag when it comes to you. Be sure to include your email address so that we can keep you posted with regular ministry updates.

It’s Communion Weekend

Today we receive the Lord’s Supper. At LOCC we practice “open communion,” meaning that participants should be believers, but need not be members of the church. We also practice a memorial view of the Lord’s Supper, meaning that the bread and cup are symbols that remind us of the sacrifice Jesus made when He died for our sins. FYI: The elements are gluten- and alcohol-free. (Viewing online? Be sure to prepare your bread and cup ahead of time!)

CELEBRATE

Get Baptized on May 19

Our next baptisms are scheduled for Sunday, May 19. A baptism class will be held at 1 p.m. this coming Friday, May 10, in the Lighthouse Café at Woodridge. Please contact Pastor Bob Page at pastorbob@liveoakchurch.org if you would like to take this important step of faith and obedience.

PREPARE

Next Weekend: “Living as Exiles – Embracing Our Identity and Mission”

In part 4 of “Unsinkable Faith: The Anchor of Our Hope,” Pastor Bob will walk us through 1 Peter 2:11-12 as we continue our sermon series exploring how faith in God serves as our steadfast anchor amidst life’s storms.

LEARN

Salvation Army’s General Cox Comes to LOCC

Mark your calendar now for 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, at our Woodridge Campus. Highlighting the importance of strategic partnerships in reaching the world for Christ, this evening will feature a conversation between Pastor James and General André Cox of the Salvation Army on the topic of “Compassionate Faith: Serving Together to Change the World.” Join us for a wonderful evening of worship, inspiration, and challenge to change the world through compassionate faith.

GIVE

Meet the Freedom Challenge

Join us on this journey of faith and financial stewardship as we commit to honoring God with our finances and building a debt-free future filled with possibilities for ministry, outreach, and Kingdom advancement. Learn all about it online or on the phone app, or pick up a Freedom Challenge brochure and commitment card at the church.

Donate to the Salvation Army

Bring clothing and other goods to the Salvation Army Collection Truck stationed at Woodridge from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Saturday, May 11 (and the 2nd Saturday of every month after that); and at Southern Oaks from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on May 25 (and the 4th Saturday of each month after that). You can also donate furniture by calling 800.SATRUCK to arrange for pick-up at your home. Resale proceeds will fund the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Orlando.

SUPPORT

Caregiver Support Group Meets May 10

LOCC’s Caregiver Support Group meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. next Friday, May 10, (and every other Friday thereafter) in the Family Room at Woodridge. This group provides support for caregivers of loved ones suffering from cognitive and/or physical decline. Find out more from Deborah Wolkhamer at caregiversupport@liveoakchurch.org.

Singles Get-Together May 10

It’s Bunko night – easy to learn, fun to play! All singles are invited to an evening of fun, food, and fellowship from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 10, in the Lighthouse Café at Woodridge. Coffee and water are provided, but bring non-alcoholic beverages and snacks to share if you like.

REJOICE

Come to Trinity Springs 5-Year Celebration

LOCC ministry partner Trinity Springs (independent living center next to Woodridge Campus) invites everyone to the facility’s 5-year anniversary celebration from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Fun activities, refreshments, guided tours, and more. Contact Nancy Powell at 352.633.4030 for details.

SERVE

Help Out at Wycliffe Associates Headquarters

Travel to Orlando on Thursday, May 30, as part of a short-term team experience to strategically partner with Wycliffe Associates. Wycliffe empowers and equips national Bible translators—native speakers—to translate Scripture into their heart languages using resources and tools provided through Bible translation workshops under the guidance and authority of the local church. We’ll work alongside the Wycliffe staff to complete various tasks around their Orlando facilities, and visit the Wycliffe Bible Translators Discovery Center next door. Find out more at either of two informational meetings:

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, May 5, Conference Rm, Woodridge; or
- 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at Southern Oaks.

CONNECT

Join the LOCC Worship Choir

Rehearse with us at 4 p.m. every Thursday in the Multi-Purpose Room at Woodridge. We look forward to raising our voices in praise to the Lord as we prepare for upcoming worship services in May and June.

PRAY

Come Pray with Us – All Are Welcome!

Join us for “Power of Prayer” from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8, in the Lighthouse Café at our Woodridge Campus. Let’s pray that our families, our church, our nation, and our world will receive God’s teaching (Psalm 119:66).

Thoughts and Prayers

Our condolences to the family of Joe Calareso, who passed away last Sunday. Please pray for Joe’s wife Stephanie and the family as they mourn his passing and celebrate his homegoing. A Celebration of Life is planned for 1 p.m. next Saturday, May 11, in the Woodridge Worship Center.

PLAY

Pickleball at Burnsed

LOCC has reserved Pickleball courts from 4-6 p.m. Sundays at Burnsed Recreation Center.